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## Pennsylvania Hog & Pig Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA. June 27, 2011-- There were 1,100,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on June 1, 2011, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was unchanged from the March 2011 inventory, and 5 percent below the June 2010 inventory.

Market hog inventory, at 1,005,000 head, was unchanged from March, as was breeding herd inventory, at 95,000 head. The breeding herd was down 5,000 head from last June. The March-May 2011 pig crop totaled 469,000 head, down 11,000 head from a year earlier, and down 1,000 head from the December 2010-February 2011 pig crop. There were 46,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 3,000 less than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 10.20 pigs saved per litter, up 0.20 pig per litter from March, and up 0.40 pig from the 9.80 pigs per litter in June the previous year.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 46,000 sows farrow during the June-August 2011 period, 4,000 less than actually farrowed during the same time period a year ago; and 46,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2011 quarter, 3,000 less than actually farrowed in the September-November period one year ago.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011, was 65.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2010, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2011 U.S. pig crop, at 28.9 million head, was up slightly from 2010, but down 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the March-May 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the June-August 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2010 and 2009. Intended farrowings for September-November 2011, at 2.85 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

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